

Minutes Annual Convention
April 18th 2015
Trade and Convention Center
Saint John New Brunswick

Opening Call to Order by District Governor Susan Sangster

Singing of American National Anthem

Singing of Canadian National Anthem

Moment of Silence for World Peace, Deceased members and keep in our prayers the family of Lion Jamie Penton who lost his brother suddenly this week.

Lions Invocation led by PDG Gerard Hartigan

Approval of the agenda, moved by PDG Denzil seconded by VDG Doug, motion carried

District Governor welcomed everyone to the convention, trusted everyone was having a good time thus far. Noted that the activities are ticketed events please remember to bring your tickets.

Convention update from Convention Chair Holly Singh, welcomed everyone to Saint John and updates on premises. Lion Holly spoke on the Lions and work of the Lions. Encouraged everyone to join her in a roar, enjoy themselves.

District Governor Susan introduced our guest PID Sonja (Sunny) Pulley, who will be introduced more formally later.

District Governor Susan introduced the head table, far left 2nd VDG Brennan, 1st VDG Doug, CST Heather, International guest.

District Governor Susan recognized the Past District Governors in attendance, Leo's Lioness and Lionettes.

Recess for Leadership training until Sunday April 19th 2015

Annual meeting reconvened at 9:30 Sunday April 19th 2015

Call for approval of Minutes of the February Cabinet Meeting circulated moved by Lion Carlos, 2nd by PDG Luke, motion carried.

Call for approval of the minutes of the Annual Meeting from April 2014, circulated and published.

Moved by PDG Denzil seconded by PST Norah motion carried.

Roll call was taken by CST Heather, number of registered for the convention, 150.

Remarks from DG Susan, thanked the lions for attending and noted how great it is to see so many lions out. This is a marvelous opportunity and DG Susan called for standing of all new members, several stood. DG Susan noted she will recognize those new Lions with presentation of her DG pin. DG Susan said it has been an amazing time, we have many clubs that are moving into the computer age some it is a dramatic change. We have many more clubs reporting, the more clubs reporting their service activities is so important as we track our service hours leading into our 100 years. The dollars donated is also

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important as we can use these figures as we meet with government officials. DG Susan thanks the Lions and encouraged them to continue, talk to your Zone Chairs to assist.

We sadly had to say goodbye to the Saint Leolin Lions Club they just decided that they could not continue and they had not support. We will have to work harder to get a club back into that area. We need a bilingual support group to help those in that area. Lion Stewart as GLT is working hard to bring trainers from all areas of the District to assist the Lions in training. That being said I would like to thank those that have agreed to help in training. With that DG Susan thanked the Lions for allowing her to serve as DG, she is not done just because this is the convention there is still a lot of work to be done in the next 2.5 months. Thanks to Mother Nature DG Susan had planned to have her visitations completed by this time, but she will complete them now that the weather has cleared.

DG Susan watching the time as our International Guest will be leaving shortly to catch an airplane

Call to 1st VDG Doug to address the convention. VDG Doug was interested to see PID Sunny catch an airplane. Morning Lions, VDG Doug noted the hospitality and comradery of the convention. VDG Doug noted the increase in membership of LCI, we are growing locally we are having challenges, membership goes in cycles and hopefully this can turn around next year, and get additional training out. The training sessions yesterday were good and I know PDG Stewart put a lot of effort into the training sessions. VDG Doug made the rounds yesterday to see the sessions. VDG Doug stated as of July LCI will no longer accept paper forms and on that note introduced Lion Dan Matthews from Dorchester who has agreed to be the Chair during the transition from paper to computer to help get this done. VDG Doug advised he has lots of positions to fill, he had a great year this year and on to bigger and better things.

Thank you very much

2nd VDG Brennan, VDG Brennan told the lions they were lucky this morning because he cannot talk, round of applause. VDG Brennan said as one of his duties as 2nd VDG was to work with leadership and he knows this training will continue. All those lions attending for the first time please stand. He thanked those Lions for coming. This is a wonderful venue and thank you for attending.

DG Susan called upon our International guest Sunny to say a few words, PID Sunny said she had few words, she thanked the lions for their hospitality she totally enjoyed the weekend and thank you very much.

CST Report, we have 131 in attendance and 37 clubs that has now increased as I see North Rustico has now woken up and joined us.

As of April 16th there is one club that has not paid for directory advertising, 7 clubs have not paid District Dues but that has decreased over this weekend. One club has not paid dues for the first or second half. Saint Leolin Lions Club closed without paying \$410.00 in outstanding dues. Copies are available of the District position in relation to the budget that was approved April 2014. An account balance will also be presented.

Expenditures not approved in the budget.

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LCI Lions Flags, Atcan for flags and stands and poles. A motion was called for approval of these expenditures, Lion Norah asked if there are savings in the budget to cover, absolutely, motion carried. Further expenditures not in the budget were for Cabinet Meeting expenses in September as well as ASK 1 Pins and Zone Chair name badges, motion to approve, motion carried.

Bank balance as at February 7th \$23, 288.01, expenditures \$4104.23, Deposits of \$20,356.19, balance \$40,069.72. We do have some restricted funds in that total, call for approval of financials as presented PDG Lucio seconded by Lion McKinnon, motion carried.

As CST we received lots of emails and I want to share this one with you. Reading of email. Recognition of Lion Mary MacKinnon Saint John South End Lions for her email welcoming new members.

PDG Gerard to present her auditors report, this has been done but this is an annual meeting. The auditor's report was presented in Dorchester, I ask for your approval, one additional piece of information is the restricted funds which is \$1250.00 for Lions Quest that will become part of the statement. Motion to approve, by Lion Bridget Doucette seconded by PDG Denzil.

Election instructions by PDG Luke, election chair, Lion Dale due to work restrictions was unable to continue and PDG Luke agreed to take on this responsibility, thank you.

PDG Luke reported Zone Chairs:

Zone 1 Lion Barry Hogan

Zone 2 Lion dawn Hobbs Penton

Zone 3 Vacant nomination from the floor

Zone 4 Lion Peter Gallant

Zone 5 vacant nominations from the floor

Zone 6 vacant nominations from the floor

Zone 7 vacant nomination from the floor

Zone 8 vacant nomination from the floor

Zone 9 Lion Lloyd Soucie

Zone 10 Lion Margaret Laking (paper work later called for nominations)

Zone 11 Lion Jim Aucoin

Zone 12 PDG Luke Stennick

Zone 13 Lion Don Doran

Nominations 2nd VDG Heather MacDonald nominations Lion Don Smith, seconded by PDG Jan Phillips.

Response

Nominations 2nd VDG Paul Cousins nomination by PCC Bev Semple seconded by PDG Gerard Hartigan

Response

Nominations 1st VDG Lion Brennan Beaumont nomination by Lion Dave Windsor seconded by Lion

Wayne Snider

Response

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Nominations DG Doug Small PCC Bev Semple and PDG Kevin Guiggey

Response

PDG Luke instructed on the ballots, Peace Poster will state plaque but it is certificate, please note change.

You will pass your delegate card and be given a credential card, there is also a vote to certify PDG Rod as Candidate for International Director.

DG Susan spoke on the Motions and advised that she had requested a response from LCI on the voting for Zone Chairs, DG Susan read the response from LCI, stating they did not recommend that we limit the vote to Zones however the District could make that decision. Zone Chairs are appointments by the DG therefore we are operating outside of LCI.

We will adjourn to allow the voting.

Reconvened.

GMT report submitted Lion Gerry advised e has some information on your club you way .

Gerry Forsythe GMT

District N-1

April 16, 2015

Well Lions here we are at the end of another year and unfortunately not a very productive one as far as membership is concerned.

For the past two years we have had a modest increase in membership however this year we cannot boast the same success. Although International is excited about the fact that LCI has exceeded the 1.4 million mark in membership, we as a District that can boast that we were part of that success. As of 4pm of April 16, 2015 our District N-1 was down a total of 68 members with -3 for the month of April alone.

Where was our big loss and what could have been done to prevent them? That is the big question today. Part of the large number is the demise of the new Club at Saint-Leolin, and the fact that many Clubs have dropped one or two members. And we unfortunately have lost a fair few to death.

Lions we all need to look at different ways to increase membership. There are several new suggestions out there from LCI and one that is very interesting in the **Your Club Your Way**. I have a few booklets on this with me and you are welcome to them until they are gone, but do not forget that they are available on line from LCI.

To the incoming Presidents, now is the time to start planning for next year, fire up your membership chair and when we meet at this convention/cabinet meeting next year let's see a great big increase. I am here to help you, and if you wish I will visit and talk to you and your Club on this anytime, call, E-mail, anyway you can get in touch and I will be there.

Lions please work with me on this

Lion Gerry GMT District N-1

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GLT PCC Stewart

We had 6 training schools yesterday, we had great presenters, and great attendance, I have a small gift of appreciation for each presenter.

Lion Carlos Secretary

Lion Norah Presidents

Lion Todd Treasurer

Lion Jason Membership

PCC Bev PDG's

Zone Chairs PCC Stewart

PCC Stewart thanked each for participating and presenting.

Zone Chair Liaison Report 1st VDG Brennan thanks the Zone Chairs for stepping up and serving these are very important positions and they work hard.

Committee Reports:

We requested that committee reports be sent in, if anyone has a report PDG Denzil updated on the Speak out and thanked the students and the lions that assisted in keeping time, watching the door thank you.

Lion Cindi Beaumont Riverview gave an update on the Cavalcade that is coming May 9th at Riverview Lions Club. Breakfast will be served at the club, decorate vehicles and travel down to the park where we can walk the trail return to the club for information session and lunch.

Pin Chair

Lion Dave McAndrew advised he sold all our MDN pins and has submitted the funds to the District.

Lion Jim Aucoin,

Constitution and By Laws, Lion Jim vented on the way the motions were presented, not the voting. Lion Jim commented on the Peace Poster and changing from plaques to certificates. Lion Jim thanked his committee members Lion Don and Lion Bev. Lion Jim advised this was is last year as Constitution and By Laws. Lion Jim advised he would be available for consulting. The Peace Poster winner has not been announced, Council Chair will announce the winner in May at the Convention. Lion Jim advised the new theme for the Peace Poster for next year information on lobby.

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Environment

Let us take a stand today and make a difference in the way we live. Take a good look at ourselves and what we want for the future. Everyone wants things to be better but are they willing to take that extra step. Yes, you and I can be that person who makes this a better and more liveable world.

The children of today are telling us that if we do not begin to make a significant change in our lifestyles, they are afraid to even think about what is in store for them when they grow up.

We as adults are supposed to be taking the lead and ensuring they have a future to look forward to.

Let us put our snow shovels and snowblowers away and take out our rakes and lawnmowers for a start. The birds are finally starting to appear and the plants are sprouting. A new beginning is around the corner.

Let us begin to clean our yards, streets, highways, towns, cities, streams, rivers and ensure we have a better environment to live in. At your next club meeting, organize a spring cleanup. It is a great time to come together as members of our communities and lead them in making this world a better place to live.

The future is ours, let's make it happen.

Lion Paul Matheson, Environmental Chairperson District N-1

LFC PEI Director Report

April 16, 2015

The Foundation is busy with classes. They are hoping for 140 dogs to graduate with their clients. On PEI we have two persons waiting for dogs. One is a replacement.

Some Lions Clubs are busy with projects on to raise funds for LFC.

Winsloe Lions Club held a casino night in March with \$1000.00 donated to the Foundation. North Rustico Lions are selling tickets on a baby barn to be drawn at the day of the walk May 31st. The Parkdale-Sherwood Lions are gearing up for 170 km bike run on July 4th with stops at Ft Augustus, North Rustico, Kensington and the last stop at the Winsloe Lions Club for a barbecue in the afternoon. I am hoping that other clubs on the Island will look at doing a fund raiser to support the Foundation.

Our annual dog guide walk will be held on Sunday May 31st. We have five clubs registered to do the walk that day. Would love to have some more clubs take part. If interested let me know and I can help to get you set up.

There are many awards thru the Foundation that a club can purchase to honor a member in their club. One that many clubs get is the Life Member of the Foundation. Some clubs present this to their outgoing King lion. If that member already has the Life membership he or she could pick a member from their club to be honoured. Cost \$100.00 or \$150.00 if mounted a wooden plaque.

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Judge Brian Stevenson Award is the highest award you can get thru LFC. Cost \$500.00. A few these were ordered this week. I will have brochures with me at the convention in St. John if any club would like some.

I am out visiting some clubs and if any club would me to go to their club and speak about the foundation just let me know.

Your In Lionism,
Lion Doug Cook,
PEI LFC Director

District N1 Public Relations Report

April 14th,2015

Public Relations in District N1 are doing well. Many of our clubs are making themselves noticed, by holding events with lots of advertising. There are so many opportunities to advertise free on the internet.

Contact has been made with Premier Gallant's office, where an opportunity for our District Governor to meet and exchange areas of concern to both parties.

Positive vibes are coming from our Cavalcade Chairperson, that should develop a lot of interest and involvement on May 9th,2015. The connections acquired by Riverview Lions Club, has been tremendous, so we are looking for Lions participation from as many clubs possible, to make this all work.

This is my 3rd year as chairman of this project. I expect to be replaced in the lionistic year ahead. Good Luck to all, and keep projecting great vibes toward the public in our daily lives.

Respectively Submitted

Lion Reg House

District N1 P/R Chairman

District N1 Information Technology Report

April 14th 2015

Our district website has been visited over 17,000 times since my last report. I have had emails, complementing our site.

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Thank you to our GLT for providing the information needed ,to keep our website up to date. Without information from our members, the website would not serve any purpose. Thank you all for your input.

Again, this is my 3rd year as chairman of this project. New blood with new ideas, may make this site more entertaining.

It is very hard to believe that this lionistic year is coming to an end.

Facebook is almost non-existent in activity. Hopefully, this will show much more use in the near future.

Thank you to all of our lions in District N1. Special thanks to all three DG's for their cooperation during the past three years.

Please visit our website at <http://www.lionsdistrictn1.ca> .

Respectively Submitted

Lion Reg House

District N1 I/T Chairman

District N1 LEO Report

April 14th 2015

At present, District N1 has two clubs operating and doing well. Thank you to the sponsoring clubs and the individual lions that make this happen.

Investing in our youth, is more important than ever, as aging lions, competition from other groups, and the presence of video games, make the formation of new clubs, very difficult.

2014/15 is my third year as Leo Chair for our district. This has been a very exciting experience for me. Thank you to those clubs that allowed a presentation at their scheduled monthly meetings, as well as those seeking information about the LEO program.

Respectively Submitted

Lion Reg House

District N1 LEO Chairman

Canadian Diabetes Lions Liaison NB

April 14, 2015

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Since my last report, there was a meeting of the CDA Lions Liaison Committee from across Canada, held in Toronto ON., on the 30th of March 2015. This was my first time attending such a meeting. Many areas of our responsibilities and goals were discussed, making a newbie like myself, understand what my duties are.

Lions Cavalcade, being held in Riverview, NB, this year will be an event that will create an awareness of our association with the CDA . Lion Cindi Beaumont is the Cavalcade Chairperson for the 2014/2015 event, so her report will explain in more detail.

As is the custom, Lions Cavalcade for 2015/2016 year, is being planned for a club somewhere in the Fredericton,NB area. It was my intention to have approached a club and have confirmation prior to our upcoming convention on Apr. 17-19, 2015, but because of illness, along with the distance, no club has been selected at this time.

I look forward to see Lions Cavalcade grow within NB, involving more lions and their clubs.

Looking forward, to Tag Day 2015/16, materials, and new ideas learned, will make this event more successful.

Respectively submitted,

Lion Reg House

CDA Lions Liaison Chairperson NB

DG Susan advised under Old Business that the request for the LCIF Grant has been submitted.

New Business:

1st VDG Doug advised he has next year's budget to present, budget was made available, 1st VDG Doug has proposed the presented budget, budget figures are derived by membership, so the income is based on dues. Some income from directory sales and fundraiser. Leadership grant. The expenses MDN dues set by our Constitution and By Laws, DG expenses based on membership, banners, pins, VDG expenses, forums, convention, speakout etc. A motion was called for approval of the budget as presented, balanced budget. 1st VDG motioned to accept the budget seconded by PDG Denzil, on the question, Lion Jim questioned the prized for the Peace Poster, surplus will be attained. Motion Carried

PDG Lucio would like to present a motion, the surplus from the budget last year be donated to LCIF for the children. A message was sent to DG Susan to propose that excess funds be sent to LCIF, DG Susan advised that there was an amount restricted and the balance of the funds would remain in the district, PDG Lucio changed his proposition to donate \$3000.00 to LCIF. PDG Lucio made the motion seconded by Lion MacKinnon, Lion Don thought it was a great proposal but monies left by our members belong to our members and not the District, PDG Jan, advised she has been a CST and unexpected things come up, we should not be expending those funds. PCC Rod stated he would like to see the funds noted from one

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year to the next. PDG Gerard said the budget is based on the monies that come in yearly, the surplus is listed in the bank balance and we do not have sufficient information to determine what to do with these funds that we may have carried over. Restricted funds means the funds are donated to a specific project. PCST Norah likes the idea of donating or doing something with excess funds, but as PDG Gerard stated it is something that should be thought about. DG Susan was the auditor when funds were restricted and can show that there were restricted funds. The amount of the restricted funds has since been verified. DG Susan called on the motion, motion defeated.

Also the DG advised the Zone chair expenses were not remitted until this year.

PDG Luke Election Report.

PCC Lion Rod Wright Candidate for International Director

DG Elect Lion Doug Small

1st VDG Lion Brennan Beaumont

2nd VDG Lion Paul Cousins

All motions were passed at election. Motion to destroy the ballots. Carried.

Motion to adjourn. PDG Denzil

Check out time.

AWARDS LUNCHEON

DG Susan began the Awards, every year we pass out a Humanitarian Award, because of their work in the Community and what they are doing here in the city of Saint John. Saint John South End Lions Club

Clubs under 20 members that have had the greatest increase in members two clubs, Shediac Lions Club and Wiinsloe Lions Club

Visitation Award 30 plus members McAdam Lions Club perpetual plaque missing

Visitation Award 21-29 members Not Awarded, No Application

Visitation Award 20 and under members Malpaque Bay

Rookie of the Year Lion Ed Evans and Lion Art McFadden Nashwaaksis Lions Club

Secretary of the year Lion Kathy Belliveau Riverview Lion Club

Eye Glasses Charlottetown Lions Club

Outstanding Club President Lion Donnie Walton

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Largest Donation to LFC North Rustico Lions Club

Largest Donation to LCIF Nashwaaksis Lions Club

Environment Award Burtts Corner Lions Club

Best Zone Chair Lion Don Doran

Best District Chair Lion Reg House

Best Club Riverview Lions Club

Most Improved Club Upper Nashwaak Lions Club

Lion of the Year PCC Stewart MacDonald

Plaques to 1st VDG Doug and 2nd VDG Brennan

Presentation to CST Heather from DG Susan

Presentation to DG Susan from the District

Adjourn

Respectively submitted by

CST Heather MacDonald

